**Minutes**

Call to Order

Motion to Approve the Agenda: 1st: \_\_Kim Deniker\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2nd: \_\_\_\_Nancy Blaskewicz\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_November 6th, 2014\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Called to Order at (Time): \_\_5:45 PM\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Location/Address: \_\_\_Wilmington Area Middle School Library, 400 Wood Street, New Wilmington, PA\_\_\_\_\_

**Intro of Officers Present**: \_X Michele Evans, President \_X Nancy Blaskewicz, Membership

\_X Mary Ann Wilson, Secretary \_X Kim Deniker, Government Relations

\_\_ Mary Campbell, Treasurer \_X Heather Buchan \_\_\_ Maile Kirkpatrick

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| * **Secretary’s Report -** *Mary Ann Wilson*   + Meeting minutes from October 7th, 2014 meeting were reviewed.   + Hard copies of minutes are available.   + Additions/Corrections for the October 7th, 2014 meeting.   + Stand approved. | * **Membership Report –** *Nancy Blaskewicz*   + Current Membership Count: 47   + Date of Count from KSRA Reports: September 2014, earned $105.00 for new & renewal members   + New Membership Incentives?   + Contact Universities, Public Libraries, and School Library, Reading, English teachers to prompt membership interest |
| * **Treasurer’s Report –** *Mary Campbell*   + Current Checking Balance: $4,050.53 * Expenses: 0 * Deposits: * Report will be filed for audit * Library Donations * Bills to be approved/paid: | * **Government Relations Report** *– Kim Deniker*   + See <http://ksrapa.org/?page_id=848> for ongoing Pennsylvania House Education Contact Information.   + Useful government relation links are also available.  1. The International Reading Association (IRA) will soon be known as the International Literacy Association (ILA) 2. New Governor Wolf (D) oustouted Corbett on 11/4/14. First time in eighty years that a governor has not served two terms. Pensions will hopefully not be an issue, but other topics will now take the forefront.   Refer to BLMRC website under  ***Government Relations*** for more details. |

* **President’s Report** – *Michele Evans*
  + Welcomed all officers and members at large that were present!
  + KSRA Report – Read Like A Champion: October 26-29, 2014, recap.
  + 2013-2014 Exemplary Council Award and President’s Leadership Award won by our Council!
    - Thank you Nancy Blaskewicz!
  + Volunteer Hours
  + IRA – Newsletter

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* + Act 48 Hours-Members will continue to sign in during the meeting. Kim will submit hours to Sandee Cechini for credit after each meeting.
    - Each member in attendance is asked to complete an evaluation of the meeting in order to receive Act 45/48 hours. Signing in on the rosters is still required for those wanting Act 45/48 hours. Members should sign in for Act 48 hours
    - There was an issue of hours being recorded. Kim has e-mailed Sandee Cechini and requested confirmation of submission of hours. We are waiting to hear back from her.
  + Reminders for Members
    - Please nominate early for Awards for this year. Applications are available on Wikispaces.
    - Consider nominating someone for the:
      * Community Grant Award
      * Celebrate Literacy Award

**Unfinished Business**:

* Logo: Michele is checking with various vendors to produce the logo as the Council has approved. She is waiting on info back from them to decide who the vendor will be to produce it for our letterhead, pamphlets and on our flag.
* Charter: Nancy and Kim are working with Eric McDonald from the KSRA – IRA Liaison – to obtain a charter for the new BLM RC. There are issues with the restructure of the IRA and the EIN number that Kim is working with Eric on to resolve. Currently the IRS is not showing the BLM RC as a valid non-charitable organization. The 990N postcards have been correctly filed on the Councils part, but the IRS needs to send a letter stating that our EIN number is attached to our council since the merger. They have failed to do this, so the header naming our council is incorrect with the IRS.
* Approved Council brochure: This is waiting for additional dates to be approved.
* The Council will conduct all current council business through Wikispace for public viewing. The account was accepted as an educational Wiki and will continue to be free of charge for the Council.
* 2014-2015 Meeting Dates/Programs/Speakers/Activities/Locations were established.
  + - Michele spoke about the Community Involvement Project and she will contact those in charge to see about available table space for our council’s participation.
    - Tuesday, March 10th 2015 Prepping for Community Project promoting our council
    - April 2015 Earth Day booth at SRU- TBA: May 2015 – Final meeting of the year. Public Library Awards and Council Awards announced.
    - Michele is hopeful that Mark Weakland, KSRA Conference presenter, can present on reading and writing strategies to the BLMRC.

**New Business**

* Next meeting will be a membership meeting is on **March 10th, 2015, located at Grace Tabernacle Assembly of God Church on 411 North Main Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057 at 5:00 PM**. Bring ideas for children’s crafts and literacy ideas for the Kaleidoscope Program at SRU in April.
* Please see [www.blmrc.wikispaces.com/](http://www.blmrc.wikispaces.com/) under meeting announcement page for more information.

**Meeting Adjourned at: \_\_\_6:30 PM\_**

**Meeting Program**: Digitally Speaking presented by ASCD (Association for Curriculum Development): presentation by Michele Evans